



GATHERING

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, *pastor*

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Collin Whitfield, *organist*

Meditation on “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (arr. A.D. Miller)

▲ OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

O Lord our Lord:

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

For You hold the heavens in your hand;
all stars rejoice in your glory;
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn;
You bless the splendor of the noonday.

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

Indeed, the stars in their courses magnify you;
day and night tell of your glory.
Your peace blows over the earth,
and the breath of your mouth fills all space.

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm;
the song of the wind whispers of your majesty.
You satisfy all things living with your abundance,
and our hearts bow at your presence.

We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

Accept us, your children, eternal Father,
and hear our prayer.
Bend low to hear us, eternal Love,
and bless us this Eastertide. **Amen.**

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (ST. KEVIN)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Paul Ytterrock, *pastor*

Lord, you come to us,
but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,

but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
**Forgive us, Lord, and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SHARING OF PEACE

THE WORD

▲ GATHERING SONG



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!



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CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

REFRAIN

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

Rick Mitchell, *lector*

REFRAIN

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

▲ GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:36-48

REFRAIN

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

"You Are Witnesses of These Things"

▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (ALLELUIA NO. 1)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy universal Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

"Christ the Lord is risen again!" (Alan Smith)

*Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, angelic voices cry,
Singing evermore on high.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Through the universe it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

▲ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, who keeps promises:
Hear our prayers.

DEPARTING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 246

"Christ Is Alive!" (TRURO)

▲ CHARGE

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

"We Are Dancing in the Light of God/Siyahamba"

*We are dancing in the light of God;
We are dancing in the light of God.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

▲ POSTLUDE

"Christ Is Alive!" (arr. Jonathan Reuss)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SNAP AND GO PHOTO OP TODAY

If you were unable to get your photo taken during the last session have no fear! We are offering another opportunity for an informal individual or family photo session **today**. As always, there is no appointment necessary. Please report to the Memorial Parlor following worship.



GARDENING TEAM MEETING TODAY

Would you like to become a member of the Gardening Team this year? We are looking for individuals who would enjoy helping us keep the church flower gardens beautiful with planting and upkeep. Please join us **today** following worship in Room 129 for more information!



PIPE YOUTH

There will be no Pipe on Sunday April 21!

Join us **April 26-28** for the Spring Service Retreat! We will be hearing from local speakers and serving local non-profits to further learn about our Flint community! Text or email Kira to get signed up! You won't want to miss this!

We are going to NYC for our Summer Engagement Trip from **July 21-26**! We will be partnering with *Experience Mission* and other non-profits in Harlem, Brooklyn, and the Bronx! If your high schooler is interested, reach out to Kira (knieman@fpcf.org or 509.842.0541).



FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS: SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Join us on **April 21 at 4:00p** in the sanctuary as we present the Festival of Choirs featuring our Chancel Choir, FPCF Brass, Concert Handbells and Organ. Come join us as we celebrate music for all ages. There will be a reception to follow and this concert is free of charge.



WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION SERIES: "THE ECHO OF A TUNE NOT YET HEARD"

On Wednesday nights through May 15, we will be exploring the relationship between music and our faith, treating our favorite songs as "echoes of a tune we have not yet heard." We will be using the music we turn to to express our emotional peaks and valleys as vehicles to consider how they might also be pointing us toward the kingdom of God exploring a different theme each week. For more information about each theme, scan the code below or visit: www.fpcf.org/faith-formation.



FLINT 6K: MAY 18, 2024

The Flint 6k is a family-friendly run/walk through Chevy Commons impacting local and global water initiatives. Each race registration provides clean drinking water for one person in the developing world through World Vision + a donation to the Flint Kids Fund through our sponsors. For a limited time, use code SPLASH for \$10 off through Tuesday, April 16.



FPCF KIDS

The FPCF Kids Spring Musical will be held during Worship on **Sunday, April 28**. The children will be collecting change and other donations for our community partner, Motherly Intercession. Be sure to bring some extra change to help them make a change!

Family Dinner & FPCF Kids' Choir continues this week. Join us for Family Dinner at 5:15p and Choir will begin at 6:00p.



THE GERHOLZ CENTER IS HIRING

Opportunity is knocking! Join our exceptional team at the Gerholz Center for Christian Counseling. We seek qualified individuals who share our passion for providing support to individuals facing emotional and mental health challenges. We offer an array of professional development opportunities designed to enhance your knowledge and skills. Additionally, we provide supervision to limited licensed therapists. To apply for this position, scan the QR code or go directly to our website: www.gerholz.org/employment.



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak (Senior Pastor)
 Rev. Paul Ytterock (Associate Pastor)

Liturgist

Rick Mitchell

Organist

Collin Whitfield

Acolytes

Adelaide Rossmassler (light)
 Alice Field (banner)

ASL Interpreter

Karly Blandford



LIVING PLANT MEMORIALS

If you would like to make a contribution in memory of a loved one, please contact Amy in the finance office (asiefert@fpcf.org or 810.234.8673, x 234).



WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY (04/14)

- 8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
- 9:00a Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30a Faith Formation
- 10:30a Worship Service
- 12:00p Handbell Rehearsal
- 12:00p Informal Photo Op
- 12:00p Gardening Team Meeting
- 4:00p U of M Vocal Concert
- 4:00p Pipe Youth

MONDAY (04/15)

- 5:30p Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY (04/16)

- 10:00a Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY (04/17)

- 10:00a Sewing Ladies Meeting
- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 1:00p Finance Team Meeting
- 5:15p Arts Team Meeting
- 5:15p Family Dinner
- 6:00p Adult Faith Formation
- FPCF Kid's Choir
- Pipe Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY (04/18)

- 9:00a Food Bank Volunteer Group (Offsite)
- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (04/19)

- 12:00p Church Office Closes

SATURDAY (04/20)

- 9:00a Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY (04/21)

- 8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
- 9:00a Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30a Faith Formation
- 10:30a Worship Service
- 12:00p Handbell Rehearsal
- 4:00p Festival of Choirs + Reception
- 4:00p Pipe Youth

